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Montana State Parks Seeks Public Comment on Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant Application Funding Requests

—Comments Due by Wednesday, September 10th at 5pm -

(Helena, MT) – Montana State Parks (stateparks.mt.gov) is seeking public comment on 2015 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant application funding requests.

These funds support projects such as maintenance of existing OHV trails, signs, trail stewards, ethics education, noxious weeds control, safety and mapping efforts, and related projects.

Montana's Off-Highway Vehicle Program grant funding is administered by Montana State Parks, and allocated with review based on individual application scores and recommendations from the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Committee (OHVAC).

This year, the OHV program received 12 grant applications. Approximately \$100,000 in OHV grant funding is available for 2014/2015, with OHV organizations requesting more than \$170,000.

The program is funded with a percentage of the state gas tax and OHV use and registration fees, and is completely separate from Montana State Parks funding sources and revenues.

A summary list of the 2015 OHV grant application funding requests is available online at <http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohvGrants.html>

The public is invited to comment on the funding requests. Public Comments are due by Wednesday, September 10 at 5pm.

To comment online, visit direct link: http://stateparks.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/ohv/pn_0001.html or go to the website: stateparks.mt.gov click on 'Public Notices' on the right-hand task bar.

The public can also email comments to ohvapps@mt.gov or send comments by regular mail to: Montana State Parks, OHV Program, P.O. Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701.

The full grant applications are available by request in the Parks' Division office at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Headquarters – located at 1420 E. 6th Avenue in Helena, Montana 59620. Contact Tom Reilly, Assistant Administrator Montana State Parks at (406) 444-3752 or treilly@mt.gov.

For more information about the Montana OHV Program visit:

<http://stateparks.mt.gov/recreation/ohvProgram.html>

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